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## ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

**Homeworth.**  
Homeworth, January 21.  
Mrs. Joseph Heestand is enjoying better health this winter.  
Charles Miller, west of town, has a fine new house.

There was a dance at the home of Owen Brooks on Friday evening.  
Mrs. Louisa Craig is still getting better slowly.  
There was a spelling bee at Oak Ridge Monday evening.  
Mrs. Emanuel Wyss is but little better at present.

The military drama "The Confederate Spy" given in the hall Tuesday evening by the Homeworth Dramatic Club was a grand success in every particular. The club will exhibit the drama at Paris in a few weeks.

The West and Knox township insurance meeting will be held at Oak Ridge next Saturday afternoon. Let every member be in attendance.

Billy Barnes left this week to join a theatrical company at Pittsburgh, Pa. There will be another entertainment in the hall in a few weeks.

J. E. Filmer and family, of Chicago are with friends in town.  
Jess Coy was at Akron last week.  
S. R. Rose was at Youngstown on business last week.

The leap year social was a success on Saturday evening.  
The social at the Union hotel Wednesday evening was a decided success and highly enjoyed.

It is thought that Charles McLaughlin will likely come back from Montana this spring.  
Fred Markle will have a public sale in the near future.

**Navarre.**  
Navarre, January 20.  
Miss Josephine Kretz has gone to Cleveland on a business trip.  
Chicken-pox is raging among the school children.

Rev. Shepherd, P. E., of New Philadelphia held two meetings and communion service in the U. B. church Sunday morning, January 19.  
Jacob Kretzinger is spending the week in Cleveland on business.

The members of the Epworth League held a social at the home of Miss Maggie Pocock, Thursday night, January 16.  
Dr. Harvey Carl and wife, of Middlebranch, were in town attending the funeral of Water Corl.

Rev. F. M. Corl, of Alliance, was in town attending the funeral of his nephew, Water Corl.  
Josh Hodgson and family have returned from West Point, after having spent the last month with his mother.

Died on the morning of January 16, the little 5-year-old son of J. M. Corl, after a protracted illness of heart trouble. Services were held in the U. B. church Saturday morning, Rev. M. L. Oliver officiating. Interment in Union cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hug are spending several weeks at Massillon.  
Mrs. Anna Meirs, wife of Mr. Meirs, died Tuesday, January 14, at her late home on Market street, after a prolonged illness of over five months. Services were held in St. Clements' Catholic church, Thursday morning. Interment in St. Clements' cemetery. She leaves a husband, six sons, one daughter, one brother and one sister to mourn her loss. The sons acted as pall-bearers at the funeral.

**Greentown.**  
Greentown, January 20.  
A surveying party from Canton passed through here last Thursday surveying a route from Canton to Akron for an electric car line.  
Squire E. E. Aker has purchased a piece of land near Kent and will move on it in the near future.

Christ Wegmiller has purchased the Elmer Aker property opposite the M. E. parsonage.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ream a son.  
John Aker went to Canton Saturday.  
W. F. Ream went to Akron Saturday on business.

John Weissel will move in the John Burge property.  
The J. O. U. A. M. are preparing for a grand entertainment in the town hall, date not yet agreed upon.

**Louisville.**  
Louisville, January 20.  
Miss Ollie Smith, of Canton, is visiting Louisville friends.  
Miss Lizzy Stiller and Emma Stock-burger, of Canton, spent Sunday with Louisville friends.

Dr. C. B. Frederik went to Alliance last Saturday on a business trip.  
Ira Pence, of Osnaburg, made a short and pleasant call among Louisville friends last Saturday.

William Lutz will move to his father's farm near Mepleton about March 1, and will assume the occupation of a "tiller of the soil."  
Nicholas Grisey is building a barn on his property on North Nickel Plate.

Walter Shidler, of Salem, is visiting among his old friends in town.  
Literary society at the Belfort school house next Thursday evening. The question, "Resolved, That no man can be a Christian and vote with either democratic or republican parties," will be discussed. To be affirmed by S. P. Wilson and H. P. Brinkworth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chenot of Centerville, visited the former's parents, on East Gorge street, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coy will leave for Burton city, Wayne county, where he will engage in business about March 1.

Rev. Dr. Leberman closed a successful series of meetings in the Reformed church, with preparatory services last Saturday. The communion services were held on Sunday.

Literary societies convened at Hickory college and Maple Grove, last Friday evening. Both sessions were well attended, and the audiences were treated to excellent programs.

Frank Trump will occupy the property to be vacated by Wm. Lutz, about April 1.

day and employed the following teachers for the summer term: District No. 1, A. S. Knoll; No. 2, Leander Stover; No. 3, Miss Anna Lesh; No. 4, Norman Nunemaker; No. 5, Miss Lizzy Lutz; No. 7, L. Victor Teeple; No. 8, C. F. Chenot; No. 11, Miss Keturah Wolfe. The gentlemen are to receive \$1.25 per day and the ladies \$1.20.

**North Industry.**  
North Industry, January 20.  
Betsey Davis is on the sick list.  
Chas. Snellbaker of Canton, was in town Friday.

Joe Richey and Alie Clugston were in town Friday.  
Daniel McCartan and Oliver Henry were in Magnolia, Friday.

Chas. Darr and Miss Jones attended the opera in Canton Thursday night.  
Joe Richey and Alie Clugston were in Magnolia Saturday.

The Youtis' Literary Society met Friday afternoon.  
Steve Barnary spent a few days in North Lawrence.

Ernest Davis, of Sparta, spent Sunday in this city.  
Edmund Eleaser was in Sparta Saturday.

John Zerbe has returned from Ulrichsville.  
Van Longbaugh was in Magnolia Friday.

Mrs. Chas. Snellbaker of Canton spent a few days in this city with Mrs. Fred Bruchbauer, who is sick.

There was a dance at Kurtz's hall Saturday night.  
It is reported that Dr. Shilling of Paris will remove to this place and practice medicine.

Ed Darr has returned to work at Magnolia.  
Chas. Kolp representing the John A. Lock Shoe Co., was in this city Saturday.

A number of young people from this place attended the opera in Canton Thursday night.

The spelling at Sunny Side school Wednesday night was well attended. Howard Bowman was the last speller to leave the floor. Loreta Forrie kept the audience laughing by her recitation, "Bachelor Pete."

John Waltner, of this city, spent Sunday in Canton.

**Camp Creek.**  
Camp Creek, January 20.  
The literary held at Cross Roads was a success last Friday evening. The house was crowded. The debate was greatly handled. Mr. Shilling favored the society with a declamation and others followed.

The Misses Emma Stone and Suse Walters were visiting their aunt, Mr. Kurtz, last Saturday.

Grandma Poorman, an old and highly respected lady of this vicinity, died last Friday evening about 5 p. m. after a short illness at the age of 79 years. The funeral will take place from the residence at 9 a. m., Monday and interment in the Cross Roads cemetery.

The oyster supper was not very largely attended on account of the rainy weather. There will be a literary at Cross Roads school house on Friday evening, January 21.

The mine at this place only worked one day last week.

The marriage of Mr. Sanford Warster of this place and Miss Maggie Phillips, of Elton, took place last Thursday afternoon.

Frank Ott is making ice off of Mr. Louis Hawk's fish dam.

Messrs. Kurtz, Boughman and Budd attended the literary at Chapel last Tuesday evening.

Miss Sadie Budd is working at Joseph Stansbury's, near Stand's church.

**Elton.**  
Elton, January 20.  
There was a surprise party held at Daniel Boughman's on last Monday in honor of Mrs. Boughman's sixtieth birthday.

Marion McFarren has put up a supply of food for the winter. He sawed about twenty cords of wood last Monday.

Miss Miller, of Greenville, was visiting Miss Jenny Penman, the last week.

Messrs. Austin Glick, J. W. Baughman, Joseph Swart, Andie Beck, attended literary at Cross Roads last Friday evening.

William Huston is putting ice up for the summer for ice cream.

The Goat Hill farmers' and mechanics' cornet band serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Warster at Camp Creek last Thursday evening. Mr. Warster is a member of the band.

Will Penman attended the oyster supper at Cross Roads last Saturday evening.

William Saaberg attended the literary at Chapel last Tuesday evening.

The Goat Hill mine has been working steadily for some time past.

William Augustine is on the sick list again.

Tom Hindley was in Canton last Tuesday on business.

W. Hindley is the semi-weekly visitor of Reese Phillips, of this place.

**Limaville.**  
Limaville, January 20.  
James Roath, returned to Canton Monday morning to act in the capacity of jurymen.

Willie Brenheiser and wife left Monday for an extended trip in northern Ohio.

William Fowler, nearly 90 years old, walked to town the other day, a remarkable thing for a man of his age, and his reasoning faculties are very good.

The change in the time of the Alliance accommodation train does not suit the people in this place.

Benjamin Hutton, an octogenarian, is reported on the sick list.

Sever J. of our citizens attended the Bob Ingersoll lecture in Alliance Saturday night.

The teachers of Lexington township will hold an institute in this place Saturday, February 1. All are most cordially invited to attend. Prof. L. A. Leonard, township superintendent, has charge of the matter.

**Paris.**  
Paris, January 20.  
On last Tuesday morning Mrs. Samantha Shack, of Salem, was on her way to Paris, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Alice Myers.

She fell dead in the Alliance depot while in the act of procuring a ticket. Her remains were taken to Deerfield, Portage county, for interment. Her husband was buried here some years ago.

George Hahn is still languishing on a bed of sickness.

There is but little hope for the recovery of Mrs. Henry Knight.

On last Saturday evening a telegram was received by Mrs. Della Westfall and her brother, Mr. Joseph Bair, that their mother had died in Toledo, where she was placed in the asylum a number of years ago. Funeral on Monday afternoon.

Joseph Hayman, a carpenter of Osnaburg, who died very suddenly, was buried at Robertsville on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hayman was married to a daughter of Mr. Henry Fariso, of Robertsville.

Workmen were very busy last Saturday putting up the wire for the new telephone line along the Alliance L. E. & S. R. R.

The Locust Grove Literary Society convened last Saturday night. Although the weather was very inclement, the house was well filled with an appreciative audience. The performance was good in every respect. Miss Mary Spensler acquitted herself nobly in the manner in which she edited and read the journal.

Homer Bates, son of Henry Bates, in playing with a revolver last Saturday afternoon, accidentally shot himself in the hand. The bullet was cut out by Dr. G. F. Zininger.

Thomas Martin, the veteran hotel keeper of New Franklin, shuffled off this mortal coil on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Martin was a highly respected old gentleman.

A great debate, involving both of the old political parties, and Christianity, will take place at Belford on next Thursday night.

On last Saturday a sad accident befell two young men who were putting up telegraph wire near the tunnel along the A. L. E. & S. R. R. A handcar jumped the track and threw both men to the ground, almost dislocating the shoulder of one and badly bruising the other about the side, who also sustained severe internal injuries, which may prove fatal. Drs. Zininger, Shilling and Patterson were called and cared for the men, who were taken by train to Alliance.

Miss Adella Lentz is again able to sit up.

B. M. Stiers has filled his ice house with a fine lot of good ice from Stimmel's and Sefer's ponds.

Shenstley & Speakman have commenced to haul brick from Louisville for the new school house.

**SURPRISE PARTY.**  
Householders and Patrons of District No. 11 Have a Pleasant Time.

January 17, 1896, will always remain a pleasant day to the people of district No. 11, known as Tulipack, Paris township, Stark county, O. On that day the householders and patrons of the district, to the number of eighty, assembled at the school-house and gave the teacher, Edward G. Zininger, and scholars, a complete surprise. Promptly at 11 o'clock, a. m., they met and proceeded to the school-house, which place was crowded at 11:30. Without any warning, whatever, they entered and gave the teacher and scholars a grand surprise. So effectual was the surprise that for a few moments the teacher and scholars were unable to locate the situation. After the excitement had somewhat abated, a table, which groined under its great weight, of choice eatables, was spread before the assembled multitude, to which all did ample justice. After all had partaken of the viands to their satisfaction, outdoor games were indulged in, until the hour of 2 p. m., when the audience was called to order by the teacher. A program which consisted of recitations, songs and select readings, was then rendered by the school after which several addresses were given by the householders, in which the importance and value of education were shown forth. This ended the exercises of the day, after which all departed for their homes, feeling that it had been good for them to have been there.

The surprise was the work of the ladies of the district, and they deserve great credit for the manner in which they brought it about. Especial mention should also be made of the bountiful dinner which they served. The surprise is one of the greatest events in the history of the district and will remain as a happy event in the life of each one present. It was also the means of bringing the patrons of the district nearer together and encouraging the teacher and scholars to enter with renewed energy into the noble work in which they are engaged, and endeavor to reach that for which we are striving—a higher education.

**A Birthday Surprise Party.**  
The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Flood, on Duane avenue, was the scene of a delightful surprise, Saturday evening, the occasion being the birthday of the hostess. On recovering her surprise she proceeded to entertain her guests in her usual graceful manner. Those present included members of Lady Stark Council, No. 3, D. of L., and also friends of Mr. and Mrs. Flood. The evening was sojourned in music and games. One very amusing, the donkey game. One feature highly enjoyed was furnished by Mr. W. Enner, in his laughable imitation of the frog and cat. Prices were awarded for the different amusements. Mrs. Flood received first prize on donkey game, a hand mirror; second prize, Miss Shusser, a fancy calendar. First prize on pedro game, Mrs. E. Noble, handsome flush pin cushion; booty prize, J. Leonard, fancy calendar.

Mrs. Flood received quite a number of beautiful presents: several fine cut-glass ornaments presented by Mrs. C. Kingsnorth and Mrs. N. McLaughlin; decorated rose jars by Mrs. C. Whitney, Sr.; E. Noble, P. McCurdy; Mesdames C. Kingsnorth, A. Baughman, E. Close, Kauffman and daughter, Birdie; E. Kauffman and lady, Miss Harry, C. Hunter; Mr. W. Enner and lady, Miss M. Sidle; Mrs. S. Shusser and daughter, Ruby; Mrs. C. Dillman; Mrs. E. Kelster, and J. McCurdy, Sr.

The guests departed at 12 o'clock trusting they would have the pleasure of celebrating Mrs. Flood's next birthday anniversary, and wishing her all prosperity on the new year.

**By the Way.**  
The Musical Times, of Chicago, makes highly complimentary mention of the talents of Miss Narcissa Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harrison, of Massillon, formerly of this city. Its account dealt with the concert debut of some pupils of the Chicago Conservatory in the Auditorium Recital hall. Its capacity was tested by friends of the conservatory, who listened to an admirable program. After mentioning the work of several of the participants the Times continues: "Casta Diva" was sung with all the fire and dramatic force that Rossini demanded in this aria. "Bel Raggio" Rossini's ever popular cavatina with its difficult cadenzas displayed to perfection one of the best coloratura sopranos in the city; it was given a most artistic interpretation by a young lady of most charming presence. Miss Narcissa Harrison is evidently at home with florid music, at any rate her "Bel Raggio" as sung on this occasion, we feel sure, would bring the blushes to the cheeks of the numerous concert artists dominating the concert stage today, that imagine their ability to cope with this difficult aria. Floral tributes were profuse, but encores were not permitted."

There is a story quietly going the rounds that if true will pain ex-Governor McKinley. Captain Heestand has had charge for several weeks past of the home now occupied by the McKinley's and while superintending the rehabilitation, was often visited by Canton friends of the well known couple. The story goes that the other day A. C. Tonner, a well known citizen, and once chief of the interior department by virtue of the governor's influence, visited the home. He was given a decidedly cool greeting. Finally the captain gruffly asked his business. He was informed that Mr. Tonner had thought he would just drop in to see how the work was progressing. He was given to understand that his room was more preferable than his company. Mr. Tonner left without making any further explanation, but it is just as quietly whispered that he will even up the score, when he comes back.

John Leininger, one of Navarre's chemists, while experimenting several days ago, discovered a preparation to use in the burning of slack coal. When applied, it makes the slack burn up as lively as the best lump coal and produces great heat. The expense of the preparation to use in the burning of slack is very small, and is a great aid to the burning of a cheap coal in any manner used. Leininger has been using it success fully in his barber shop ever since he discovered it. Quite a number of interested persons have already called to see it operate and have noticed great merit in its action.

**ARE YOU WAITING TO DIE?**  
Has your case become so hopeless that physicians have given you up? Have friends gathered around you with sympathetic tenderness? Have you yourself at last reached the conclusion that earth holds no power to stay the ravages of disease? Raise your drooping spirits. Take courage. House of Hope is here to stay you remain. There is one who can help there is one who can and will cure. He is Dr. Ottman, the great specialist of Columbus, O. His skill has saved the lives of hundreds; may save your life. Disease in all its forms is ready for its remedy yields to his treatment. No malady, no affliction seems to escape his seemingly marvelous power. His theoretical knowledge is vast, his practical knowledge gained in years of experience with every form of disease is considered to be extraordinary. Thus granted, nothing remains but the natural deduction that a successful issue is sure to result to those afflicted ones who avail themselves of an opportunity to consult and treat with Dr. Ottman. Submitting to many urgent requests this physician will visit Canton, Ohio, Wednesday, January 22, 1896, in the private parlor of the Barnett Hotel, from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. One day only. Consultation free and strictly confidential.

**REFORM IN TOBACCO.**  
A satisfied customer and up to date finger ring is the hoop with which women smokers can enjoy a unique and appropriate birthday gift is a brooch containing the month jewel or flower.

Panel or lengthwise trimming on the front of satin and velvet evening gowns are much newer than any trimming going round the skirt.

The rage for historical costumes has not abated a particle, and dressmakers prize keenly the many Louis and their modes.

Narrow bands of gold or silver, with feathery pignets that rise from the center, furnish pleasing ornaments for the hair at modest prices.

Necklaces formed of graduated rows of opals are among the fashions of the season.

A pretty collar on a new gown is a deep frill of sheer lace, with velvet points falling over it. The points are embroidered. The cuffs carry out the same idea. The lace ruffles half cover the hands, and the points fall over the lace to the wrist.

**An Episode In the Abyssinian War.**  
The particulars of the death of Major Toselli furnished by the correspondent of La Tribuna, as gathered from survivors, constitute a very remarkable incident of heroic dignity.

Having sent on the wounded and those who could make their escape, he turned his face to the enemy, being surrounded by his personal attendants, Negussie, his interpreter; his servant, Aliu Mariam, Uold Gaber, and some others. He was the first to be wounded, and Negussie tried to help him along, giving him his arm. This attempt proving a failure, his servants defended him while their ammunition lasted. Finally, seeing that Major Toselli was dead, Negussie shot himself with his revolver, Aliu Mariam followed his example, and Uold Gaber stabbed himself with his dagger.

This account is given by one of the regulars who came in with General Arimondi. This chivalrous devotion of the native troops to the Italian officers agrees with all that we hear from the colony and with what we know of the general relations of the officers with their men, and explains the staunchness of the battalions during this long and desperate battle, only one party of the irregulars and none of the regulars attempting to retreat until the order was given.—Rome Correspondent.

**Borchgrevink, the Norwegian Explorer.**  
Borchgrevink is a Norwegian, some 30 years of age, of medium height and of modest mein and has the typical Scandinavian fairness of hair and floridity of complexion. His face gives signs of that determined spirit and fixity of purpose which Norse explorers have shown from the early vikings to this latest voyager. His hardships, incident to service before the mast on a whaler, were almost ignored, and he dwelt on the Antarctic sea and its conditions. The intelligent audience noted his impersonal and retiring disposition and showed its own appreciation by generous applause.—General A. W. Greely in Century.

**Englishmen Call This "Sport."**  
Some remarkable shooting took place on the Highclere estate of the Earl of Carnarvon recently, notwithstanding the extremely wet weather. The party, including Lord Carnarvon, Earl De Grey, Prince Victor Dupleigh Singh, Prince Frederick Dupleigh Singh, Lord Ashburton and one other—six guns in all—shot near the lake and killed no less than 1,300 pheasants in three-quarters of an hour. On two previous days the same party, shooting over Lord Carnarvon's preserves, killed some 6,000 head of game.—London Standard.

**Louise Chandler Moulton.**  
An English paper says: "The many admirers of the American Sappho, Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, will learn with regret that she is returning to Boston. Few women of any nationality have had so many famous and lasting friendships with distinguished writers of both sexes as this beguiling poetess. Her celebrated 'golden voice' and genial manner have attracted her literary confidantes of both hemispheres, and her warm hearted sympathy and loyal friendship have kept them constant and unwavering in their devotion."

**Danish Women.**  
Danish women are ahead of any other women on the face of the globe in one particular—they have just announced the opening of a woman's theater. The plays are to be written by women dramatists; every character—yes, the male characters—to be acted by women; orchestra, soloists, chorus, conductor are to be exclusively feminine. Margaret Thorsen has completed a play for the theater, and Frau Emma Gad has prepared a ballet.

**Fanny Theodore Meylan.**  
Miss Fanny Theodore Meylan, who is at present teaching in a girls' school at Columbus, O., is an advanced student from the University of Lausanne, where she took her degree in modern letters. She is preparing a thesis on "The Higher Education of Women in America" for her Ph. D. at Lausanne and came here to study the subject. It is to be hoped that colleges and universities will afford her every facility, for it was a brave thing to take up that unpopular subject there. Miss Meylan has been lecturer (reader in French) to the Empress Augusta of Germany and has a formidable list of testimonials to her ability from royal and noble personages.—Woman's Journal.

**Her Brilliant Work In the West Indies Stopped by Consumption.**  
Miss Frieda Cassin, the pioneer editor of the West Indian islands, has fallen a prey to the insidious disease of consumption.

Full of energy and good work, she has, at the early age of 24, to lay all aside. She was editor of the new Antigua Magazine, the first real magazine of fiction, according to our idea of the words here, which the islands had possessed. But it did not live long, for its founder was obliged to relinquish all responsibility and work, and, as far as we

can hear, no one else has had the enterprise to carry it on. Miss Cassin has also been a writer on her own account, frequently contributing to English magazines under a nom de plume. The latter, unfortunately, a novel of hers, now in the press, depicting scenes from life among the lepers of the West Indian islands, which is likely to create no small stir and criticism when out. As she recently said in a letter home: "You English people have lazy ideas about leprosy."

"The word conjures up a vague connection with Kate Marsden, Sister Rose, Father Damien and others, but I dare say it would surprise you to learn that in some of the islands there have been leper bakers, milkmen, fruit sellers, shopmen, etc., until a brave little paper, the 'Lazaretto,' awoke people to their situation. Then a local paper suppression act was passed. Not far from here there are a few huts set apart on a promontory for lepers to inhabit, but there is no law to prevent them roaming about the country as they please, and so spreading disease. As thieves they are, of course, remarkably successful, for nobody dare touch them."

"There should certainly be a law to enable the government to step in and confine the poor creatures and see them cared for as lunatics are. This matter has occupied my mind seriously for a long time, and I only wish I could have done something for it, but it is not to be. I can only trust my new book will bring it before somebody capable."—Philadelphia Press.

**Miss Lucie Faure.**  
Miss Lucie Faure presided as chief patroness over a meeting held recently at the Elysee for founding "La Ligue des Enfants de France." The promoters bring chiefly to the bourgeoisie, and the object of the association will be the rescue of children suffering morally and materially from destitution or neglect.

Miss Faure made her debut as a public speaker with an effective and sensible address.

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**SELECTIONS**

**QUEER ACT OF CHARITY.**  
An American Made a Merry Christmas For English Ballet Girls.

As most of our readers are aware, there is now being nightly presented on the Alhambra stage a ballet of considerable magnificence, entitled "Titania." Regular frequenters of the house, on one or other side of the footlights, have been aware that for several weeks past one of the best boxes in the house has invariably been occupied by a same gentleman, who comes each evening to the theater in time for the commencement of "Titania" and leaves immediately after the curtain has descended on its final scene. This amiable extravagance costs this munificent patron of the ballet the trifling of 18 guineas a week.

On Friday night the members of the ballet were officially told to attend on the following morning, when a presentation would be made to them on behalf of this same benevolent gentleman. Great curiosity was felt, as the regular appearance of the solitary figure in the box had naturally aroused the interest of the performers, although he had never shown any inclination to come behind the scenes or to make the personal acquaintance of any one of them. It was not, in fact, until Friday evening that his name was made known.

On Saturday morning, as it is needless to say, the ballet mastered in full force. The profession of ballet girl is not a very lucrative one, and at this time of year any little gift, whether in money or in kind, is no doubt acceptable. But not one of them dreamed of the extent of the benevolence of the unknown old gentleman whom they had seen "in front" night after night. One by one they were called into the committee room, and according to their position on the salary list were awarded varying sums of money. The principals received £40 apiece, the average among the rank